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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003 having a shortened period for response set to expire on November 3, 2003. Applicants elect claims directed to Invention I, which includes claims 1-16 and 19-47, drawn to a "machine component monitoring system." Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute without prejudice the non-elected claims 17 and 18 and the related inventions.

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